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JOINT PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE BRIEF

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INSTALLATION:	Storage Installation	BRIEF NO.:	JB-21-58
LOCATION :	16 kilometers south of Toropets	DATE :	21 October 1958
B. E. NUMBER:	None	LAT. :	56°21'30"N
WAC NUMBER:	153	LONG. :	31°38'30"E

MAP DATA: USSR, Series 1:50,000, General Staff, Red Army, 0-36-124-C.

REQUIREMENT: Identify installation appearing on a kodachrome transparency taken from TU-104 at about 30,000 feet in early August 1958.

REMARKS:

The installation appearing on the single, small scale, 35mm kodachrome transparency is located at 56°21'30"N/31°38'30"E, 16 kilometers south of Toropets. Accurate measurement of this installation is precluded by lack of camera data, but it appears to be almost identical to the storage installation near Novaya Mezinovka, which appears on July 1956 photography and has been most recently reported in HTA/JM-9/58. From all source photography examined to date, no other similar installation has been identified.

The Toropets installation did not appear on World War II photography of November 1942 and the Novaya Mezinovka installation was not present on June 1944 photography. Collateral information indicates that the installation near Toropets, which appears complete on the photography, was under construction in 1946 and 1947. It should be noted that some construction activity was still evident at the Novaya Mezinovka installation on the July 1956 photography.

Only one collateral document, reporting construction of an underground air force depot, was possibly associated with the Novaya Mezinovka installation. However, the following summary of 20 collateral reports is available on the Toropets site.

In April-May 1946, approximately 500 to 800 were dispatched to this location and engaged in the construction of approximately 30 barracks-type storage buildings in the midst of a coniferous forest. In the

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spring of 1947 about 200 Russian Pioneer (Engineer) Troops arrived. Shortly thereafter, at irregular intervals, trains began arriving during the night. These troops were used to unload cases which were identified to the PW's as containing ammunition. These cases were taken to the storage installation by truck. A railroad spur into the installation was under construction when the PW's left in the fall of 1947.

This installation is along the Moscow-Riga flight line. It has been observed and reported on 25X1